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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 26, 1859.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appro-
4 priated, for the service of the Post Office Department for the
5 year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty,
6 out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues
7 of the said department, in conformity to the act of the second
8 of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six:

9 For transportation of the mails, (inland,) twelve millions
10 six hundred and and thirty-three thousand and sixty dollars.

11 For compensation to postmasters, two millions three hun-
12 dred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

13 For clerks in the offices of postmasters, nine hundred
14 and fifty thousand dollars.

15 For ship, steamboat, and way letters, twenty thousand
16 dollars.

17 For office furniture in the post offices, four thousand
18 dollars.

19 For advertising, seventy thousand dollars.

20 For mail bags, fifty thousand dollars.

21 For blanks, eighty thousand dollars, to be printed by the
22 lowest responsible bidder, after advertisements inviting bids
23 for the same for at least thirty days, shall have been published
24 by the Postmaster General.

25 For wrapping paper, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*,
26 That the contracts for the same shall be given to the lowest
27 bidder.

28 For mail locks, keys, and stamps, fifteen thousand dollars.

29 For mail depredations and special agents, seventy-five
30 thousand dollars.

31 For miscellaneous payments, two hundred thousand dol-
32 lars: *Provided*, That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster
33 General to furnish to Congress, on the first Monday of De-
34 cember next, and of each and every year thereafter, a detailed
35 statement of the expenditures made under the head of "mis-
36 cellaneous payments;" and that it shall not be lawful to use any
37 of the money hereby appropriated for the defence of suits
38 brought against officers of the Post Office Department for
39 malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or for acts

40 committed by them under color of law, and in derogation of
41 the rights of citizens.

42 For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, one hundred
43 thousand dollars.

44 For publishing a new edition of the post office laws and
45 regulations, and a list of post offices, fifteen thousand dollars :
46 *Provided*, That the Postmaster General shall certify said new
47 edition to be official, and that he shall give the contract for its
48 publication to the lowest responsible bidder.

1 **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of three
2 millions eight hundred and thirty-eight thousand seven hun-
3 dred and twenty-eight dollars be, and the same is hereby,
4 appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not
5 otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue
6 of the Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth
7 of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine : *Provided*, That the
8 sums heretofore appropriated for the erection of the post
9 office buildings, which shall remain in the treasury unexpended
10 at the close of the present fiscal year, are hereby reappropri-
11 ated to the objects to which they are now applicable by law.

1 **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted*, That if the revenue
2 of the Post Office Department shall be insufficient to defray
3 the appropriations made in the first section of this act, the
4 deficiency, if any there be at the expiration of each quarter

5 of the fiscal year, shall be paid out of any money in the
6 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed the House of Representatives February 26, 1859.

Attest ·

J. C. ALLEN, *Clerk.*

Making appropriations for the service of the
Post Office Department during the fiscal year
ending the 30th of June, 1860.
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